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SUBJ: DUTCH PROPOSAL FOR EUROPEAN AID TO PALESTINIANS

1. DUTCH CHARGE VAN AERSSSEN CALLED ON DAVIES NOV 17 ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE HAGUE TO INFORM DEPARTMENT OF DUTCH FONMIN'S PLANS AT EC NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE MEETING IN COPENHAGEN NOVEMBER 20 TO PROPOSE EUROPEAN ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIANS. VAN AERSSSEN, READING FROM INSTRUCTIONS, OUTLINED BRIEF DUTCH PROPOSAL AS ONE WHEREBY  
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EUROPEANS WOULD OFFER "FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC, AS WELL AS STRUCTURAL" AID FOR PALESTINIANS. CHARGE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT BEFORE MAKING DECISION ON WHETHER TO MAKE PROPOSAL IN COPENHAGEN, DUTCH FONMIN WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF

U.S. WOULD CONSIDER SUCH AN INITIATIVE USEFUL. VAN AERSSSEN ADDED THAT DUTCH PROPOSAL IF ACCEPTED AT COPENHAGEN MEETING WOULD PROBABLY BE MADE PUBLIC AS PART OF COMMUNIQUE AT CONCLUSION OF EC NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS' TALKS.

2. DAVIES COMMENTED THAT FURTHER PRONOUNCEMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST LIKE THAT PROPOSED BY DUTCH FONMIN WOULD FURTHER COMPLICATE AN ALREADY COMPLICATED SITUATION AND WOULD CERTAINLY RAISE ISRAELI SUSPICIONS WHICH ARE ALREADY AROUSED REGARDING EFFECT OF ARAB OIL BOYCOTT ON EUROPEAN MIDEAST POLICY. DAVIES ADDED DUTCH PROPOSAL ALSO NOT CLEAR ON TWO ESSENTIAL POINTS, NAMELY (1) WHICH PALESTINIANS WOULD BE RECIPIENTS OF EUROPEAN AID, AND (2) TIMING OF SUCH ASSISTANCE. IF EC WISHED TO EXPAND CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA WHICH FINANCIALLY WAS HARD PRESSED, HE WAS CERTAIN THIS WOULD BE WELCOMED AND WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE. AT CHARGE'S REQUEST DAVIES AGREED TO CONSULT WITH SISCO AND CONVEY US REACTION SO THAT CHARGE COULD INFORM THE HAGUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. DAVIES FREQUENTLY CONTACTED VAN AERSSSEN TO CONFIRM US NEGATIVE REACTION TO DUTCH FONMIN PROPOSAL AND TO VOICE US CONCERN THAT SUCH EUROPEAN ACTION NOT CONSIDERED USEFUL. KISSINGER

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